(ii) Submission of proposal by the State Government for declaration of Sunabeda as a Tiger Reserve.

(iii) To notify the forests of 'Narayanpatna', Gupteswar', 'Gandhamardhan', 'Kapilash', 'Malayagiri' and 'Chandrapur' as Sanctuaries by the State Government.

(iv) The contiguous forests of Baliguda, Kotgarh—Subarnagiri, Ghumsur, Boudh having a presence of 20 tigers, should be taken into consideration while formulating plans for any development activity in the region affecting the forest land.

(v) The State Wildlife Board should be expeditiously constituted for its functions.

(vi) Establishment of a 'Forensic Laboratory' in Orissa for dealing with wildlife crimes, apart from State and District level Committees for collaboration and co-ordination with State and Central Enforcement agencies for prevention and detection of wildlife crimes.

(b) Out of the above six major recommendations, Government have already initiated action on declaration of the Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve, which has been recommended by the Steering Committee of Project Tiger.

Purchase of equipment to measure noise pollution levels in Delhi

391. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have purchased equipment to measure noise pollution levels in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that hi-tech cops have been trained to crack down the noise pollution offenders who violates and prescribed limits or play music too loudly after fixed timings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and how many offenders have been challaned during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The sound meters have been purchased to check noise pollution in National Capital Territory of Delhi which were distributed to the concerned Police Officers. Violators against the pressure horns, playing of music in vehicles etc. are prosecuted by Delhi Police. The details of the violation and challans are given below:

Number of cases	2001	2002	2003 (upto 15.11.2003)
Pressure Horn	191546	187723	138759
Honking Horn	—	30108	10033
Playing Music	4852	7125	10967
TOTAL :	196398	224956	159759

Setting up of a National Ecology Body

392. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up a National Ecological Body with six regional authorities to assist the National Body;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the functions and duties proposed to be assigned to them; and

(c) by when, these bodies are likely to be set up and start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Forest cover in Assam

393. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total forest cover maintained in Assam during each of last ten years;

(b) the action taken to prevent future depletion of natural habitat of wild lives;

(c) the list of schemes and programmes being implemented through NGOs; and